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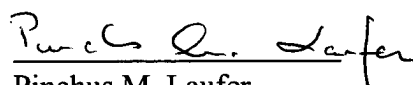
In re Application of: Michael O. Rabin et al.	)	
Application No. 09/706,074	)	DECISION ON PETITION TO
Filed: November 3, 2000	)	MAKE SPECIAL UNDER 37
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR	)	C.F.R. §1.102(c) AND MPEP §
PROTECTING INFORMATION AND	)	708.02 (IV): APPLICANT'S AGE
PRIVACY	)	

This is a decision on the petition, filed January 18, 2002, under 37 C.F.R. §1.102(c) and M.P.E.P. §708.02(IV): Applicant's Age, to make the above-identified application special.

A grantable petition to make special under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 and in accordance with M.P.E.P. § 708.02, Section IV must include a showing, as by a birth certificate or the applicant's statement, that the applicant is sixty five (65) years of age or more. No fee is required for this petition.

The petition includes a copy of Michael O. Rabin's passport establishing that applicant is sixty five (65) years of age or more. Accordingly, the petition is **GRANTED**.

The application is being forwarded to the examiner for expedited prosecution.



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